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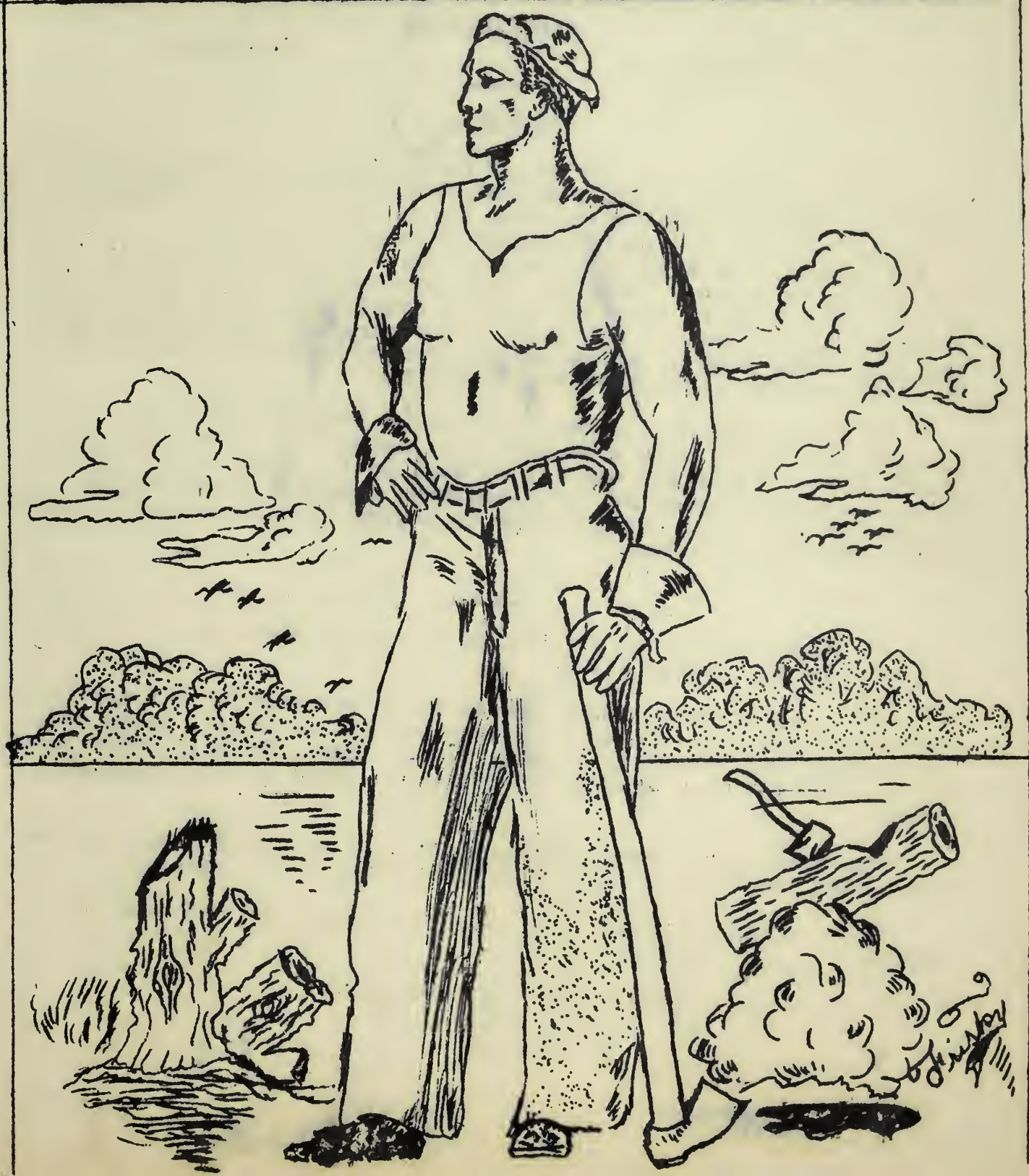

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EDITORIALS

With the continued finding of rattlesnakes by various crews, we want to remind each and every member of the camp to use every care and precaution to avoid being struck by one of these reptiles. It is said they sound their rattles before striking as a warning to the unwary. As a person becomes more experienced, he will find the statement untrue. Many rattlers have been killed, in the dry palmetto flats where they are usually found, without once sounding their rattles. This is not meant to encourage a practice of hunting for snakes - it is to encourage everyone concerned to be careful and take due precaution while working.

In the event that someone should be struck, there is a first aid kit carried by each crew and every member has been instructed in its use. This first aid kit is used until the victim is treated by the camp surgeon or, if necessary, hospital attention is given. We have been lucky so far in having no victims and we hope there will be no victims.

We wish to offer an invitation to anyone desiring to visit our camp on the Myakka River.

The camp is still under construction but many of the new buildings are completed. These buildings are all portable, being made in sections and assembled in very little time. Beautification work in camp has not been started but will get under way in the near future.

The members are away from camp from seven until three on week-days. but they are in camp on week-ends and every evening.

The company as a whole, wishes to welcome you and invites anyone to visit the camp.

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BOYS LEAVING

The coming holidays, joyfully awaited, will be tinged with regret, because some of the finest boys in camp will be leaving at the completion of their fifteen months service. All of these boys have been active in camp affairs and will be greatly missed. They have come mostly from Jacksonville and the north east section of the State. Their fifteen months in the CCC have turned them out a little heavier, tanned and harder than they were before they came. The work they have done has benefited them greatly.

They will be missed, and we hope they all have a pleasant and prosperous future ahead.

The following are the boys leaving the last of December:

J. Allen	T. Greco
O. C. Bedell	H. B. Gunnells
L. E. Bickley	E. Hatcher
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FIGHTS MONDAY NIGHT

Another week, another treat from the citizens of Sarasota. Last week an announcement was made in this paper of an invitation from the American Legion to attend the fights on Monday night, Dec. 17th.

All enrollees accepting this invitation must be in uniform and will be ushered in in a body. Trucks will leave camp in plenty of time to reach the arena before the show starts.

The Legion hopes that some good boxers in the company will take an interest and prepare for matches. This is a good way for some of the boys to pick up extra change.

LOCAL EXPERIENCED MEN

Monday saw the arrival of another group into camp. Sixteen men from Sarasota and adjoining cities were enlisted as Local Experienced Men. Monday night after supper they were lined up and put thru the belt line. They did not like it, but they sure were capable of putting out speed. The October enrollees are eagerly looking forward to "Kangaroo Court.

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REVIEW OF WORLDS SPORTS

Last season proved to be one of many upsets and surprises. Teams which were rated highly early in the season turned into dismal failures. Poor teams rallied and defeated teams rated much higher than themselves.

Two of the most surprising teams were those of Southern California and Michigam. Michigan which has turned out outstanding elevens for the past several years hardly managed to win one quarter of it's games. Michigan State which has served merely as a warm up in the past, defeated Michigan for the first time in twenty-six years. Michigan State also turned out a fast eleven, being defeated only twice.

On the West coast, Howard Jones, who has been turning out Pacific Coast Conference Champions with almost monotonous regularity, has had to take a back seat to Stanford. Southern California ended a most disastrous season, taking a 14 to 0 trouncing from Notre Dame. Notre Dame had a fairly successful year, losing only to Navy and Pitt. A lot better showing than last year.

Minnesotta rated as the strongest team in the country. They won the big ten championship for the first time since 1924. Big Ten rulings prevented Minn. from accepting the bid to play Stanford in the Rose Bowl Classic.

Alabama produced the outstanding team in the South. The Big Red team overwhelmed every team which faced it and won the bid to the Rose Bowl, New Years.

Yale, after an in and out season pulled an iron man stunt and defeated Princeton 7 to 0. A week later the Eli's beat Harvard to win the Big Three title in the first year they have been reunited since 1926.

Columbia, last years' Rose Bowl winner, early in the season bowed to Navy. Navy continued it's winning streak up until the Pitt game and then resumed it with a 3 to 0 victory over Army for the first victory over it's service rival since 1920. Pitt notwithstanding it's loss to Ohio State, is rated as one of the best in the East, with victories over Navy, Notre Dame and Southern California.

Temple, under the tutelage of Pop Warner, concluded a brilliant season and will soon rate as one of the best schools in the East.

The two best high school teams in the State are Miami and Jackson of Jacksonville. These two teams will meet in a special post-season game New Years' day. Jackson, undefeated and untied, won the Big Ten title while Miami, facing the best teams in the South, have lost one game and tied two.

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COLD WEATHER

The recent cold wave put a damper on most of the camp activities. Immediately after supper most of the boys donned full O. D.'s and turned in. There is even a rumor to the effect that our Top Kick slept in his overseas hat. Many O. D.'s saw service for the first time.

Quite a few of the gals in Sarasota were disappointed as only a few enrollees went to town. These boarded the trucks clothed in the manner of Byrd's men in the Antartic, rather than as South Florida residents.

Rinker had to take his thermometers from the infirmary and place them in the oven of the cook stove to keep the mercury from dropping right thru them.

Many of the boys doubled up in an endeavor to foil Jack Frost. They put their cots together and slept under eight blankets. This helped some, but did no good in the morning. Getting up at five-thirty and breaking the ice out of your shoes sure is no picnic.

Football and Basketball were forgotten, while Hockey talk filled the air. It was spread about that Cone had received several pairs of skis as well as many sleds. Most of the truck drivers wondered if it would be hard to drive a dog team.

Educational headquarters was filled with boys, anxious to know if there was a camp located at Key West.

Things are starting to warm up now but we hope to have a first class hockey team ready for the next cold spell.

W.C.T.U. TO VISIT CAMP

The Young Peoples Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold a metting at the camp next Tuesday night. The meeting will be conducted by several prominent Sarasota people.

WE WONDER IF -

Earl Carey would make a good "Tarzan" now that he has almost completed his knife.

It was because "Gourd-head" could not take it in the Kitchen, that he went to the woods.

Since "Chicken" has a shot-gun, he intends to become a "Bring-em-back alive" Frank Buck.

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SICK

The following members of camp were sick in Hospital and quarters during the week, December 11 - 15,

Hospital

Morton, Preston - Head Fracture
Stallings, L. - Tonsillitis, acute
Quintana, Edw. - " "

Quarters

Johnson, M. - Appendicitis
Richardson, B. - Fracture, l.ankle
Abalo, E. - Otitis Media
McCullers, M. - Infection, finger
Greco, T. - Infection, hand
Vasquez, Armando - Kidney trouble
Triay, R. - Cold
Schall, H. - Undetermated
Albury, Geo. - Tooth extracted
Quesada, E. - Kidney trouble
Knowles, R. - Infection, finger
Napoli, C. - Tooth extracted
McLeod, R. - Kidney trouble
Hunt, Jos. - Malarial fever

The following men who have been sick, returned to duty this week,

Wilson, Harry, Dec. 8-34.
Schall, Herbert - Dec. 8-34
Guevara, Gilberto - Dec. 13-34
Wall, Emory - December 10-34.
McLeod, Raymond - Dec. 11-34.

Many of the boys took advantage of the warm weather and took in the show and dance, Saturday night.

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CAMP LIFE

The boys in barrack No. 4 will once again enjoy peace and quiet when Andrew Fernandez finishes the box he has been working on for five days AND NIGHTS.

Nile says that it was so cold in Ybor City that the mercury in the thermometer went all the way down and burst out, then ran around to keep warm.

Who was the boy in barrack No. 4, who went to bed wearing his gloves?

It is a pretty good thing that the weather warmed up lately because most of the boys got out their razors for the first time in a week.

It was noted that the Army Chevrolet truck was not so popular last Thursday night.

Barrack No. 2 has had very few visitors of late - most of them have lost their trousers when they went visiting in this barracks.

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POSSIBLE DANCE

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The new recreation hall is almost complete, and if the floor is in good condition, a dance will probably be held.

The girls will be brought out from nearby towns as was the custom when the camp was at Green Cove Springs. No charge will be made for ladies. Visiting gentlemen will be charged .25¢ admission. The money, if any, raised in this manner, will be used to defray expenses of completion of the dance floor.

An orchestra from Sarasota will furnish the music.

Boys, make your dates early and bring all the extra girls you can.

This is our first dance and will give us a chance to demonstrate to our neighbors that we are capable of conducting such an affair properly, as we have done in the past.

All people from Sarasota, Bradenton and Arcadia are cordially invited to attend.

So long untill Friday night!

DECEMBER INSPECTION

Thursday afternoon, the monthly inspection of clothing and equipment was held. The early part of the afternoon saw much more than normal activity. Everyone got out their razors and shaved for the first time in a week. The flowing well was filled to capacity and many had to wait their turns. A few hardy souls hit the river, but not many. They just hit it and came out and STAYED OUT.

One good thing about inspection is that it gives the O. D. trousers a chance to get an airing.

CONTEST

Here is a chance for some one to win a dollar canteen book. Due to the change in location and the erection of barracks, the name, "Tent Town Topics," is no longer a fit name for the camp paper. The staff of the paper have decided to sponsor another contest to find a new name. Anyone can enter any number of names and the winning title will be selected by the officer. If you feel that you can use an extra dollar, get busy and think up a few good names and drop them in the box at Educational Headquarters.

All entries must be in by six o'clock, Wednesday night, December 19, 1934.

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HERE AND THERE

The boy who went to Ybor City the other week must have had a swell time. He is now learning Spanish.

How come Red Busbee rated a truck so soon. Can it be that Bickley is getting old?

The paper has a good joke editor. Certainly is a good thing there are plenty of old Liberty's around.

How can this paper announce the engagement of Mr. "Fox" Allen?

A little conversation with the future Mrs. Powell gives the company the impression that Friskys' name may be added to the list of those leaving December 31st.

The fight program may have an added attraction on its card.

Benny Donnard perhaps is endeavoring to leave all and sundry under the impression that he prefers ventilation to all luxuries.

Cherry Lips is very dignified since he had a chair made for him.

George T. Steel proved himself to be a loyal member of the gang Saturday night. How are your feet, Frogy?

What visitor to the Bradenton wrestling matches last week, gave the American Legion officials the idea of giving out passes from now on?

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